

WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting – City Hall
6:30 p.m. – August 4, 2025

1. Call to order by Mayor Garrett Edgar at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

Present: Garrett Edgar, Mayor
 Amy Anderson, Council Member
 Mary Ann Crome, Council Member
 Jerry Fuhrken, Council Member
 Terry Morse, Council Member
 Carolyn Pinnick, Council Member

Absent:

Staff Present: Carl Chalfant, City Administrator
 Denise Powell, City Clerk
 Caroline Scoville, Full Time EMT

Others: Dan Thalmann, Washington County News
 Chris Milam, Boy Scouts
 Lyle Milam, Boy Scouts
 Mary Dodd, Washington
 Randy Hubbard, Washington County Emergency Management

3. Approval of Agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda by Pinnick and seconded by Morse.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson
 Mary Ann Crome
 Jerry Fuhrken
 Terry Morse
 Carolyn Pinnick

4. Citizens Comments.

None.

5. Minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 7, 2025; adjourned meeting July 12, 2025 and special meeting minutes of July 28, 2025, by Pinnick and seconded by Morse.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson
 Mary Ann Crome
 Jerry Fuhrken
 Terry Morse
 Carolyn Pinnick

Chris and Lyle Milam arrived at 6:32 p.m.

6. Appropriations Ordinance 2025-08.

Motion to approve appropriations ordinance 2025-08 by Pinnick and seconded by Morse.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson
Mary Ann Crome
Jerry Fuhrken
Terry Morse
Carolyn Pinnick

7. Tree Grant.

Motion to apply for a \$70,000 Kansas Forestry Tree Grant by Crome and seconded Morse.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson
Mary Ann Crome
Jerry Fuhrken
Terry Morse
Carolyn Pinnick

Discussed the Kansas Forestry Tree reimbursement grant and the city's commitment for funding. The grant deadline is 5 p.m. August 22, 2025.

8. EMS Resignation.

Motion to accept the resignation of Lori Hagedorn, RN, from the ambulance service effective July 30, 2025 by Crome and seconded by Fuhrken.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson
Mary Ann Crome
Jerry Fuhrken
Terry Morse
Carolyn Pinnick

9. Easement.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a permanent Grant of Easement as presented by Blue Valley Tele-Communications Inc. by Pinnick and seconded by Crome.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson
Mary Ann Crome
Jerry Fuhrken
Terry Morse
Carolyn Pinnick

10. Fall Fest Request.

Motion to approve the Loudspeaker/Sound Amplifier permit and Street Use permit applications from Kaitie Wenzl, Thrivent, for Fall Fest September 20, 2025, by Pinnick and seconded by Morse.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson
Mary Ann Crome
Jerry Fuhrken
Terry Morse
Carolyn Pinnick

11. imageQUEST Printer Contract.

No action was taken on the Sales and Service Agreement for the Xerox printers from Eric Shupe, imageQUEST.

12. Mary Dodds Ice Cream Stand Donation.

Mary and Leslie Dodds, Washington, presented a check in the amount of \$6,000 from the ice cream stand at the Washington County Fair to Full-time EMT Caroline Scoville and Mayor Garrett Edgar, City of Washington EMS, to go towards the purchase of an automatic CPR device.

13. Ambulance.

Randy Hubbard, Washington County Emergency Management, was present to discuss the future of the city's ambulance service, a countywide ambulance service and to answer questions the council may have.

Hubbard said he will pass any questions on to the commissioners or take the city's decision back to them. He said he met with the Linn City Council prior to coming to Washington's meeting and no decision was made.

There was discussion on the basic logistics of operating a countywide service and what that might look like, and advantages and disadvantages of starting with new provider numbers. Council Member Pinnick inquired if the County couldn't use the provider number that belongs to the Washington County Hospital. Hubbard did not know the answer but would take it to the commissioners. There was also discussion on the type of service, facilities, equipment and personnel.

Mayor Garrett Edgar said a decision tonight will not change the service currently provided. The commission asked each city to budget and provide ambulance service in 2026. The decision is whether to continue to run service as is or go to a countywide service. No action was taken.

14. Personnel Policy Resolution 2025-07.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-07, A RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, KANSAS, by Pinnick and seconded by Crome.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson
Mary Ann Crome
Jerry Fuhrken
Terry Morse
Carolyn Pinnick

15. 2026 Budget.

Council will adjourn to meet Wednesday, Aug. 6th to review the proposed 2026 budget.

16. Executive Session.

Motion to recess into executive session to discuss KMEA contract negotiations with data relating to financial affairs to include the Mayor, Council, City Administrator and City Clerk to resume in council chambers at 7:55 p.m. by Pinnick and seconded by Crome.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson
Mary Ann Crome
Jerry Fuhrken
Terry Morse
Carolyn Pinnick

17. Executive Session.

Motion to recess into executive session to discuss employee performance of nonelected personnel to include the Mayor, Council and City Administrator to resume in the Council chambers at 8:06 p.m. by Pinnick and seconded by Crome.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson
Mary Ann Crome
Jerry Fuhrken
Terry Morse
Carolyn Pinnick

18. City Administrator Report.

- a) **KRWA Energy Audit.** A copy of the energy audit of the water system done by KRWA was given to the Council for review. Installation of the Variable Frequency Drives at the wells saves the city approximately \$1,300 a year on just energy.
- b) **Sewer Lining 2025 Project.** Staff has completed all of the pin point repairs on the sewer main plus a couple of additional ones that were not originally identified on the first inspection. Mayer Specialty Services are approximately 70% complete with the project.
- c) **Streets.** Staff has been diligently working on street repairs as weather and time permits. Staff plans to start milling edges and spider areas on East 3rd Street between B Street and Pierce Street starting Monday, August 4th.
- d) **Water Valve Exercising.** Water apprentices worked with Greg Metz with KRWA the second week of July exercising several water valves utilizing the city's valve exercising machine. Staff plans on exercising more valves later this fall.
- e) **East 2nd Street Rehab Project.** The preconstruction conference on the East 2nd Street Rehabilitation project was Tuesday, July 30, 2025. Construction will be done in three phases with a planned start date of August 18, 2025. Inline Construction will be mailing/hand delivering letters to property owners in the 200 and 300 block of East 2nd affected by the construction. There will be a construction progress meeting at 9 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at city hall.
- f) **Code Violations.** Staff has been working on code violations as time allows.

19. City Clerk's Report.

- a) **Kansas Gas Service.** Staff has reached out to Kansas Gas as it was noted the meter reads do not match with the dates on the bills. Staff is still awaiting a response.
- b) **LKM Conference.** The League of Kansas Municipalities Conference will be Oct. 9-11 at Overland Park. Cost is \$275 for city official and \$100 for guest. Accommodations are \$159 per night. If the Mayor or Council are interested in attending, please visit City Clerk to complete registration.
- c) **Reports.** July Fire minutes and July Library Board minutes were given to the Council to review.

20. Council Reports.

Terry Morse.

- a) **South playground.** Morse stated the south playground needs sprayed for weeds.
- b) **Curbs & Sidewalks.** Who sprays weeds in gutters and sidewalks, asked Morse. Chalfant said typically property owners.

Mary Ann Crome.

- a) **Camera.** Inquired about a camera being installed at the pickleball court. City Administrator Carl Chalfant said there is a camera at the park and they will review the footage.
- b) **Chamber Gardens.** Asked why the Chamber Gardens is blocked off. Chalfant stated it has to do with problems with wall of Bobbi's Beauty Salon.
- c) **Island.** Crome said the council kind of blew off a request by the Pickleball Club to place flags in the island. Mayor Garrett Edgar stated the curbs around the island are in rough shape and he would like to do away with the island. Council Member Crome said a lot of school activity and she has a problem with removing

it. Council Member Morse is not in favor of getting rid of it as it has been part of Washington for a long time.

d) Code Violations. Inquired where staff was with code violations and proceeding with the next batch.

e) Durst Church. Asked where staff was with moving the church. Staff is waiting on estimates to complete a quote for the contractor to move the church.

Jerry Fuhrken.

a) Pierce Street. Inquired about blading Pierce Street.

Mayor Garrett Edgar.

a) Ambulance. Randy Hubbard called prior to the city's meeting adjourning stating the City of Linn made a motion at tonight's council meeting to go to a countywide ambulance service.

21. Executive session.

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Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson
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Motion to adjourn to 6 p.m. Wednesday, August 6th by Pinnick and seconded by Anderson.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson
Mary Ann Crome
Jerry Fuhrken
Terry Morse
Carolyn Pinnick

Adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Denise M. Powell, City Clerk